



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
PROCLAMATION
Rhode Island's Youth Art Month

WHEREAS, the arts teach children to make good judgments about qualitative relationships; and

WHEREAS, the arts teach children that problems can have more than one solution and that questions can have more than one answer; and

WHEREAS, the arts celebrate multiple perspectives; one of their large lessons is that there are many ways to see and interpret the world; and

WHEREAS, the arts teach children that in complex forms of problem solving, purposes are seldom fixed, but change with circumstance and opportunity; and

WHEREAS, learning in the arts requires the ability and a willingness to surrender to the unanticipated possibilities of the work as it unfolds; and

WHEREAS, the arts make vivid the fact that neither words in their literal form nor numbers exhaust what we can know; and

WHEREAS, the limits of our language do not define the limits of our cognition; and

WHEREAS, the arts teach students that small differences can have large effects; and

WHEREAS, the arts traffic in subtleties; and

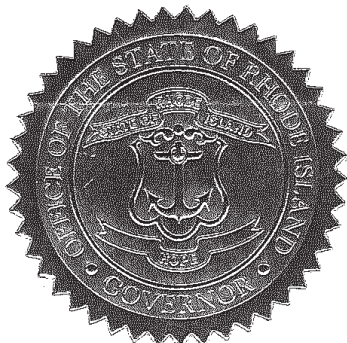
WHEREAS, the arts teach students to think through and within a material; all art forms employ some means through which images become real; and

WHEREAS, the arts help children learn to say what cannot be said, and when children are invited to disclose what a work of art helps them feel, they must reach into their poetic capacities to find the words that will do the job; and

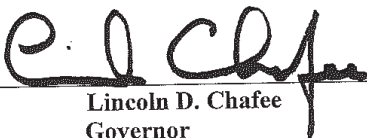
WHEREAS, the arts enable us to have experiences we can have from no other source and through such experiences discover the range and variety of what we are capable of feeling; and

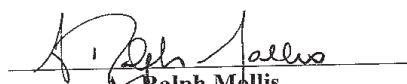
WHEREAS, the position of the arts in the school curriculum symbolizes to the young what adults believe is important; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, do hereby recognize March 2011 as Rhode Island's official Youth Art Month in the State of Rhode Island, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



Given under my hand and the great
seal of the State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations,
this 17th day of March, 2011


Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor


A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State